



PATENT

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(Case No. 99-186)

In the patent of:

Berghofer *et al.*

Patent No. 6,211,400

Issued: April 3, 2001

For: Sulphinic Acid Derivatives, Method
For Producing Them, and Their Use

Before the Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 1751

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Patent 6,211,400 has issued with an error of minor character in Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request the following correction be made:

In claim 1, at column 11 line 62, please delete "and R⁵ independently of one another are" and insert therefor --is--.

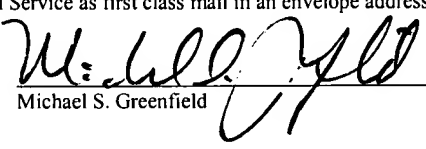
R⁵ is defined in Claim 1 but does not otherwise appear in the claim. It is not part of the claimed compound and, therefore, is merely superfluous verbiage. Consequently, removal of the definition of R⁵ from claim 1 does not alter the scope or nature of the claimed invention.

The error appears to have occurred in the amendment of claim 1 in the "Response to the Office Action Mailed July 25, 2000," when the applicants amended the claims to remove the non-elected subject matter. When R¹ was amended to delete the moiety NR⁴R⁵, the accompanying definition of R⁴ and R⁵ was moved to the end of the claim without appreciating at the time that all other occurrences of R⁵ had be deleted. This error was made in good faith.

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Applicants submit that the correction conforms to the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C.


and does not constitute new matter or require re-examination. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.323,

Applicants request a Certificate of Correction be issued. Included herewith are Form PTO-1050

and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.20 (a).

Respectfully submitted,

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Column 11, claim 1,

Line 62, delete "and R⁵ independently of one another are" and insert therefor -- is --.

Signed and Sealed this

Second Day of April, 2002

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Rogan", written over a horizontal line.

Attesting Officer

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